Board of Elections Department Narrative

Department Description:

Voter registration continues to increase, which impacts all of the Board's duties. We expect to increase registration 5,000 to 7,000 by the end of Fiscal 2018. There is one election in this budget year, June, 2018, which is a Gubernatorial Primary Election. These elections are historically in the 35-50 % turnout range, but offer challenges in administration with over 60 ballot styles across the county. In addition to the regular election day, we will have Early Voting for eight days during this election. We will have a fourth early voting center this election cycle, as prescribed by the General Assembly. All of this will be conducted on the voting system, which is a hybrid system where either paper, or a ballot marking device can be used to fill out a ballot, and it will be read by a precinct based digital scan device.

Election judge training, unit maintenance and upgrades to software, new procedures and policies, new logic and accuracy testing, new storage requirements, and a massive voter outreach program will continue.

With the advent of a fourth early voting center, universal registration, and other new procedures the workload going forward will continue to grow for the Board of Elections.

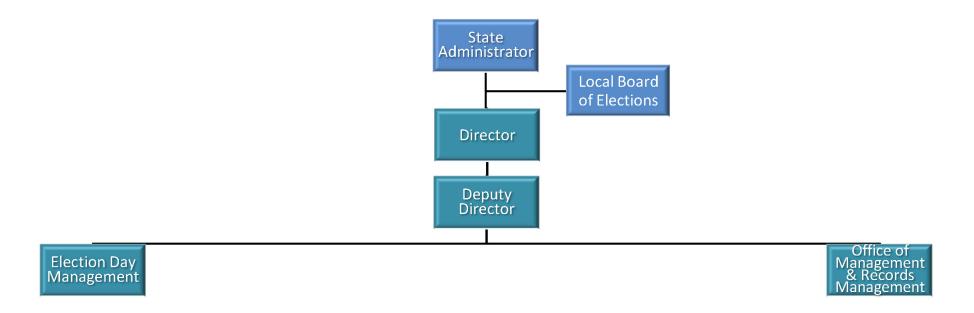
Same Day Registration will continue to be in effect for Early Voting for the Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Outlook: (What is new or different about this years budget?)

This budget includes a Gubernatorial Primary Election in June, 2018. This election is one of the hardest elections to manage, because of the high number of ballot styles across the county (over 60). We will continue to provide early voting, but will require a fourth center due to a bill that was passed by the Maryland General Assembly. We also will have Universal Registration for the first time, which will connect our agency with many other agencies across the State which will all offer voter registration, which will streamline and increase voter registration, address changes, affiliation changes and so forth. Also, UOCAVA voters (military and overseas voters) will now be taken care of at the local level, which is also brand new and quite a cumbersome process. These voters had been taken care of at the State level in the past, but the grant money that allowed them to continue the project has been taken away. All of these items are unfunded State mandates.

We will continue our statewide voter registration system, voter outreach, and voting system costs. All of these items combined will impact our budget through personnel, overtime, and supplies.

Board of Elections Department Organizational Chart



Board of Elections Department Personnel Summary			
Classification	Grade	FY 2017 Authorized	FY 2018 Proposed
SBFS Total			·

Board of Elections Department Expenditure Detail

01 - General Fund						
	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
7700000000 - Supervisors						
50 - Personnel Costs Total	32,388	37,770	37,770	37,820	50	0.13%
51 - Contractual Services Total	2,190,275	1,591,025	1,571,040	1,788,293	197,268	12.40%
52 - Supplies and Materials Total	15,844	16,400	16,100	19,750	3,350	20.43%
58 - Expense Other Total	14,411	16,942	16,942	27,200	10,258	60.55%
7700000000 - Supervisors Total	2,252,918	1,662,137	1,641,852	1,873,063	210,926	12.69%
7710000000 - Elections Expense						
50 - Personnel Costs Total	216,783	228,325	226,458	228,325	0	0.00%
51 - Contractual Services Total	678,596	1,166,733	896,434	1,168,445	1,712	0.15%
52 - Supplies and Materials Total	24,815	25,000	25,000	27,000	2,000	8.00%
7710000000 - Elections Expense Total	920,194	1,420,058	1,147,892	1,423,770	3,712	0.26%
01 - General Fund Total	3,173,112	3,082,195	2,789,744	3,296,833	214,638	6.96%
7700 - Board of Elections Total	3,173,112	3,082,195	2,789,744	3,296,833	214,638	6.96%

Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Narrative: 7700000000 - Supervisors

Fund: General Fund

Narrative:

Maintains and updates street index records reflecting congressional and legislative election districts and precincts in Howard County. Distributes public maps of county election districts and precincts. Provides statistical information to the public pertaining to elections. Responsible for the maintenance of the voter registration of Howard County for all federal, State and local elections. Responsible for voter outreach to enhance voters' knowledge of changes in the election process, including early voting and a new voting system.

Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Expenditure Detail : 7700000000 - Supervisors

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1000000000 - General Fund				,		
Funded Program : 999999999999999999900 - Administration						
500100 - Salary-Regular	30,029	35,000	35,000	35,000	0	0.00%
Salaries for Board members.		,	,			
501100 - Benefits-FICA	2,314	2,660	2,660	2,660	0	0.00%
501700 - Benefits-Worker Com	45	110	110	160	50	45.45%
50 - Personnel Costs Total	32,388	37,770	37,770	37,820	50	0.13%
510200 - Telecomm Wired	19,867	18,750	18,750	16,204	-2,546	-13.58%
510300 - Printing	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
Printing money for confirmation cards, voter notification cards, en	velopes, general mailin	ng supplies.				
510500 - Copier Charges	2,439	2,672	2,672	4,538	1,866	69.84%
511310 - Radio Maintenance	1,358	1,452	1,452	986	-466	-32.09%
511500 - Ind & Inst Eq Maint	0	4,200	2,000	4,500	300	7.14%
Maintenance agreements on our tabber, burster, folder.					,	
511600 - Mar & Avi Equip Mnt	0	500	500	500	0	0.00%
Additional money for other small contract agreements.						
512100 - Electricity	0	9,000	6,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Electricity chargeback from company for extended hours for office	9.					
513100 - Mileage	5,781	5,000	4,922	8,000	3,000	60.00%
Increase due to polling place surveys before next election and un	dershooting of last seve	eral years.			,	
513200 - Lodging	0	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Lodging for SBE Biennial and MAEO (MD Assoc of Election Offic	ials) conferences.					
514200 - Legal Fees	14,569	25,000	13,755	25,000	0	0.00%
Legal fees for Board lawyer.						
514700 - Data Processing Svc	128,774	128,360	128,360	152,345	23,985	18.69%
515900 - Other Ctrctual Svc	18,277	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0.00%
Payment for other contractual services as needed for the election	cycle.					
515902 - Medical Claims Expe	831,630	0	0	0	0	N/A
515903 - Dental Claims Expen	32,868	0	0	0	0	N/A
515910 - Administrative Cost	1,502	0	0	0	0	N/A

Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Expenditure Detail : 7700000000 - Supervisors

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
0000000 - General Fund				·		
nded Program : 999999999999999999900 - Administration						
515950 - Training Services	0	2,500	0	0	-2,500	-100.009
Trainings provided through the State of Maryland now.						
516190 - Other Donations	1,002,987	1,152,644	1,152,644	1,315,750	163,106	14.159
New processes, more voters, and an additional early voting center Universal Registration and UOCAVA voters, which will increase the personnel by 3 employees, as was apparent by our overtime last of the numbers for this budget.	e workload of the office	e throughout the year.	I would like to incre	ease the State		
516820 - Assoc Member Dues	0	2,000	1,500	1,500	-500	-25.00
517200 - Vehicle Insurance	630	600	600	600	0	0.00
517300 - Bld Contents Ins	632	670	670	870	200	29.85
518000 - Rental-Facilities	128,961	180,677	180,215	191,500	10,823	5.99
Have not received our rental agreement from the office of Real Es	tate Management, but	l added a little bit fron	n last year.			
51 - Contractual Services Total	2,190,275	1,591,025	1,571,040	1,788,293	197,268	12.40
520100 - Office Supplies	15,844	14,000	14,000	17,000	3,000	21.43
Additional employees and functions dictate additional office suppli	es.		_			
521500 - Food Purchases	0	1,800	1,500	2,000	200	11.11
Additional employees and functions that will create OT for the offic	ce personnel thus creat	ing food purchases fo	or the staff.			
521530 - Purchased Water	0	600	600	750	150	25.00
52 - Supplies and Materials Total	15,844	16,400	16,100	19,750	3,350	20.43
581050 - Dir Cost Conv-Veh	4,137	5,391	5,391	5,380	-11	-0.20
581059 - Dir Cost Conv-GIS	10,274	11,551	11,551	21,820	10,269	88.90
58 - Expense Other Total	14,411	16,942	16,942	27,200	10,258	60.55
99999999999999999900 - Administration Total	2,252,918	1,662,137	1,641,852	1,873,063	210,926	12.69
0000000 - General Fund Total	2,252,918	1,662,137	1,641,852	1,873,063	210,926	12.69
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Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Narrative: 7710000000 - Elections Expense

Fund: General Fund

Narrative :

This Division provides funding for elections and election associated costs.

Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Expenditure Detail : 7710000000 - Elections Expense

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
0000000 - General Fund				,		
ded Program : 9999999999999999999900 - Administra	ation					
500100 - Salary-Regular	178,267	187,418	187,003	187,418	0	0.00%
Salaries for contingent workers at the Board fo Ele to successful elections.	ections throughout the year. These foli	ks are long standing e	employees with valua	ble skills that lead		
500900 - Salary-Overtime	23,730	22,490	21,038	22,490	0	0.00%
Ovetime for contingent employees.						
501100 - Benefits-FICA	14,786	18,417	18,417	18,417	0	0.00%
50 - Personnel Costs Total	216,783	228,325	226,458	228,325	0	0.00%
510100 - Postage	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
Postage to replenish Non-Profit and Business Rep	oly accounts.					
510210 - Telecomm Wireless	0	11,514	11,000	12,500	986	8.56%
Cell phones for the Election						
510300 - Printing	0	65,000	27,128	60,000	-5,000	-7.69%
Slight reduction in printing costs for this fiscal year.	r. Printing of all election related materi	als.		,		
510400 - Advertise Clip Svc	0	15,000	13,000	12,000	-3,000	-20.00%
Advertising for Early Voting in the Beacon, Sun, ar	nd Times papers. Slightly lower than p	orevious years.				
513100 - Mileage	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	100.00%
Mileage increase due to more Election Day technic	cians.					
514600 - Comp Setup Artwork	35,977	0	0	0	0	N//
515900 - Other Ctrctual Svc	283,426	342,000	334,000	409,150	67,150	19.63%
Payment of election judges. \$13K polling place re-	ealignment before 2018. \$54,150 raise	for election judges (f	irst in 10 years).			
516190 - Other Donations	2,615	0	0	0	0	N/A
518000 - Rental-Facilities	0	16,500	16,500	19,500	3,000	18.189
Payment of all private installations for election day	and early voting for rental agreements	s. Slight increase due	to fourth early voting	center.		
518060 - Rental-Other	356,578	685,719	463,806	623,295	-62,424	-9.10%
Rental agreement and contract for voting system of	chargebacks from State. Unfunded ma	andate.				
51 - Contractual Services Total	678,596	1,166,733	896,434	1,168,445	1,712	0.15%
520100 - Office Supplies	24,815	23,000	23,000	25,000	2,000	8.70%

Board of Elections Division Detail

Division Expenditure Detail: 7710000000 - Elections Expense

	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
100000000 - General Fund						
Funded Program : 9999999999999999900 - Administration						
521500 - Food Purchases	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Food for the staff for Election Day.						
52 - Supplies and Materials Total	24,815	25,000	25,000	27,000	2,000	8.00%
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